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To: Academic Senate

From: Ebony Utley, Chair

Re: Library Advisory Committee Annual Report

The purpose of the University Library Committee (ULC) is to serve as a liaison between the CSULB community, consult with the Faculty Advisory Committee on Technology (FACT) on technology issues, and help integrate information literacy throughout the curriculum. To that end, the University Library Advisory Committee met seven times during the 2010-2011 academic year. Attendance was uneven because attendance is often uneven at committee meetings. Several members resigned during the year. Unfortunately committee membership was a bit of a revolving door, but throughout the academic year, the committee did see representation at least once from each of the colleges as well as the graduate and undergraduate representatives.

At each meeting, library and campus technology updates were shared. Specifically, the committee focused on the status of the new library guides, the accessible technology initiative, and the transition to Desire to Learn (aka D2L ak the new BeachBoard). As chair of the committee, a member of FACT, and an elearning consultant, it was easy for me to share ULC concerns with FACT as well as disseminate information about the new BeachBoard. The committee was constantly provided updates on its implementation, resources to help with the transition, opportunities to participate in the pilot semester, and demonstrations of the new system. In order to familiarize itself with library resources, the committee toured Online Remote Collections Access (ORCA) and well as the University Archives. In an attempted to integrate information literacy the curriculum, the committee developed a library myths document designed to help students more successfully navigate the library’s resources and succeeded in associating the Multicultural Center’s (MCC) media with the appropriate Library Guides. The committee was also committed to greening the library and officially recommended that Dean Roman Kochan shift the system default so that return slips are not automatically printed. All ULC documents were shared electronically. In sum, the ULC serves as a valuable entity for communication and information dissemination throughout the campus.